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Baltimore Man Pleads Guilty to Possession of Large Amount of Heroin Discovered During Traffic Stop

A 23-year-old Baltimore man pleaded guilty this morning to possession of a large amount of heroin discovered during a routine traffic stop in Ellicott City last September. David Jackson, of the 4400 block of Maple Shade Drive, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a controlled dangerous substance before Howard County Circuit Court Judge Timothy J. McCrone.

According to prosecutors, Howard County police stopped Jackson's vehicle shortly before midnight on September 7 after observing it being operated in a manner suggesting that the driver was impaired. Back-up units arrived on the scene, including a K-9 which alerted police to the presence of drugs in the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle led to the recovery of a digital scale with a powder residue from under the front passenger seat, \$650 cash from the sunglass compartment, a bag of suspected heroin hidden in the dashboard behind the glove compartment, and numerous cell phones. A search of Jackson revealed \$480 in his left pants pocket and \$6,169 in his right pocket. Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Ritter stated that subsequent testing by the Maryland State Police crime lab revealed that the suspect drug was 98.98 grams of heroin.

Judge McCrone set a sentencing date of August 24 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation of Jackson. Ritter indicated that she will seek a flat sentence of 10 years in prison. Jackson remains free on bond.

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